

Terre Haute, Ind.,
717 Sycamore St.
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Dear Chester:

Perhaps I owe you a letter
and perhaps I do not, but I
am going to chance writing
you altho' am wondering if
you are not in France, and if
you haven't been for sometime.
It seems as if our correspond-
ence was not very satisfactory
when you were in Texas and
just whose fault that was I
don't know.

Having a woman's curiosity I
can't help from wondering ^{where}
you are and I should like to
hear about your roamings and
the various experiences you ^{no}
doubt have had since last fall.

I wanted to go to France ^{when}
the call came for canteen ^{workers}
but it seems that women were
wanted who could pay their
own expenses and I did not
feel equal to that, so I am
trying to do my bit knitting,
buying Liberty bonds, thrift
stamps and paying my dues
regularly at Red Cross and for
our county war fund.

The Elks here are giving entertainments every night this week to buy "smileage" books for the Vigo County boys who are in service. I am going this eve. and am sure it will be good as they always give a play of some kind every year for some good cause.

Next week there will be a large celebration here as the "blue devils" of France are coming. It is an armed force of one hundred men, who have all been wounded and I noticed they wanted to come to T.H. be-

cause it is a French name.
I should be studying a French
grammar so that I can talk
with them but about all I
could say is "Parlez vous Français?"
with an answer of this kind
"Ich kann auch." Only two
of the hundred can speak English.

I have seen something of the
country since I wrote you last.
I ~~went~~ to Oklahoma at Christmas
time where mother has been all
winter. She expects to leave for
Seattle to-day for a few months.
I certainly did enjoy the trip.
Have been in Decatur, Ill. twice

this year, to Chicago and Indpls
once. I have only been in
Indpls twice since last Oct.
but must try to go next^{month}
some time.

Stella Hadley Smith surprised
me not long ago by making^{her}
appearance in T. H. She had
been to Crawfordville to visit
some cousins and then came^{on}
here to visit another cousin
and me. I was sure glad to see
her as I had not seen her for
more than a year. They have
moved from Richmond since^{she}

was here but I don't remember where.

I was in Decatur, Ill. this last week end and had such a splendid time. I do like that city very much altho' people who live there seem to think it is too quiet.

I was fortunate enuf to have an invitation to a country club dinner-dance week before last. We had a ^{good} simple Hooverized dinner and a dandy dance. It is a cement floor but very smooth. I have attended several dances this spring but can't see that I improve very rapidly.

in grace. Evidently I did not begin early enough to acquire the graceful swing.

You will think I am experimenting all kinds of ink and pens on you but variety is the spice of life you know.

Our boys are having a game of base ball this afternoon that I should like mighty well to see. They have had some good games this year.

Two of my very best friends have left T. H. within the last month — one has gone to Wilmington Delaware and the other to Mason

Georgia. I hope no more will leave but when people's husbands get better positions I can't expect them to stay in T.H.

If you could see my garden you might think I am overworked. We have such a little yard that you would probably call for a microscope in order to see it. I wish I did have more space for gardening as I enjoy it.

I am hoping to hear from you in the near future. Is Frank in training now too?

As ever, Yours sincerely
Clara Hadley.

Please forward.



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